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Fire destroys Vanier home

DAMAGE A fire believed to have started on the porch of a house destroyed a two-storey home in Vanier early yesterday morning.

Fire crews received the call at 5:13 a.m. yesterday and were on scene at 275 Montfort St. within minutes, where they found a two-storey house fully engulfed in flames, said Ottawa District Fire Chief Lyle Fraser.

The six residents of the home, who were asleep when the fire started, escaped with a dog. There were no injuries.

Officials say it took 40 firefighters to quell the blaze, which was under control by 6:26 a.m.

The fire caused $250,000 in damage to the structure and $100,000 in damage to the contents.

The fire is now under investigation, although firefighters did not say if it is considered to be suspicious. The building was destroyed.

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One dead in retirement home blaze

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Flicks snub film critics

Oasis **Rocks**

ETIENNE RANGER/FOR METRO OTTAWA

Despite their well-documented rocky relationship, the brothers Liam Gallagher and guitarist Noel Gallagher (pictured) proved they could come together as a team to collectively rock the house at Scotiabank Place last night in Ottawa. Oasis has sold more than 50 million records worldwide and their new album, Dig Out Your Soul, is set to be released next month.

Kettle Island picked as best bridge site

NCC's decision draws flak from east-end stakeholders

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Kettle Island is the preferred site for a new interprovincial bridge, the National Capital Commission confirmed yesterday — a decision that quickly drew criticism from east-end interests.

"Kettle Island had the highest rating for all (sites)," said Roche-NCE consultant Steve Taylor, who presented the findings of the Environmental Assessment of Interprovincial Crossings study along with consultant Raynald Ledoux yesterday.

"We feel confident that we have made the right decision. We are going ahead with phase two," he said.

Commissioned by the NCC, the new bridge will reroute truck traffic from downtown Ottawa to the Highway 417/174 interchange on Ottawa's east side. A Kettle Island bridge would link an expanded Aviation Parkway to Gatineau's four-lane Montee Paiement.

"This is the most significant effort to improve interprovincial crossing capacity since (the) Portage Bridge," said NCC capital planning director Francois Lapointe.

But east-end politicians opposed to the Kettle Island option were upset by the decision.

Ottawa-Vanier MPP Madeleine Meilleur said the location is poor because it will be on the doorstep of communities and the Montfort hospital.

The same site was rejected in the 1960s, she said.

"Apparently, we build bridges to accommodate truck traffic," Ottawa-Vanier MP Mauril Belanger said. "The plan should accommodate communities and tell trucks where to go."

Belanger wants consultants to look further east at the Lower Duck Island option.

The draft findings are the result of technical studies, analysis and community input that began in January 2007. Ten corridors were evaluated using a wide range of criteria before Kettle Island was chosen.

Lapointe said the study's second phase would take up to 24 months, and after that funding must be secured. It will be at least six years before a bridge, which is set to divert many trucks from downtown, is complete.

"There will be some trucks downtown, but you will notice that the bigger trucks will not be on King Edward Street," said Taylor.

City councillor Jacques Legendre said a bridge at Kettle Island simply moves one community's problem to another, but others, including Coun. Rob Jellett, supported the location.

"Let them get the trucks out of downtown."

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New crossing — by the numbers

- The approximately 1.5-kilometre long bridge will cost between $400 million and $500 million.
- The bridge will accommodate 1,800 trucks per day by 2031 — many of which would otherwise travel downtown.

Poll pegs Harper in reach of majority

ELECTION The governing Conservatives have opened up a big lead in public support and could conceivably win a majority in an election set to be called this Sunday, a new poll said yesterday.

The Environics survey for the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. put the Conservatives at 38 per cent voter support, well ahead of the opposition Liberals at 28 per cent. A poll by the same firm released on July 16 put the Conservatives at 35 per cent and the Liberals at 30 per cent.

The first-past-the post electoral system tends to require around 40 per cent of the popular vote to gain a majority of the 308 seats in Parliament.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is expected to formally request the dissolution of Parliament on Sunday, setting the stage for an election on Oct. 14.

"They are within striking distance of a majority ... the Conservatives are in a very good position," Donna Dasko of Environics told CBC.

Although polls in recent months have shown the two main parties to be virtually tied, the Environics survey was the second one this week to show a wide Conservative lead.

Environics said 39 per cent of Canadians felt Harper would make the best prime minister, compared to just 13 per cent who opted for Dion.

The Environics poll put the left-leaning New Democrats at 19 per cent and the Greens at seven per cent.

Environics, which polled 2,505 people, said the survey was accurate to within two percentage points, 19 times out of 20. CBC, which posted details of the poll on its website, did not say when the firm had carried out the survey.

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Police seeking suspect in west-end bank robbery

At 3:50 p.m. Wednesday, a man entered the TD Canada Trust at 1480 Richmond Road and demanded cash. The suspect is described as a Black male with a medium build, approximately 5'4" wearing blue jeans, an orange T-shirt and a red baseball cap. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 METRO OTTAWA

Ottawa

Furry new friends

This month, animal lovers can find a new friend as the Ottawa Humane Society hosts its "black" to school promotion on adoptable black cats. Through September, select black cats will be eligible for a $25 discount on the adoption fee. The shelter has dozens of cats of all colours in need of homes. For more information on the cats available for adoption, visit www.ottawahumane.ca. OTTAWA HUMANE SOCIETY

Cops need robbery ID

SUSPECT Police yesterday released surveillance images of a robbery suspect in hopes that members of the public will be able to help identify him.

Just before 1:50 p.m. Tuesday, a man entered Hillary's Cleaners on Queen Street and demanded cash. He ran away with an undisclosed amount of money.

The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 35 years old with a thin build, short brown hair and blue eyes. He was wearing a light-coloured baseball cap, a sleeveless shirt, ¾-length shorts, brown shoes and was carrying a bag over one shoulder. The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information should call the Ottawa Police Robbery Unit at 613-236-1222, ext. 5116.

METRO OTTAWA

Deadly seniors' rez fire

One man dead, five injured after east-end blaze

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An elderly man died after fire broke out at an east-end seniors' residence yesterday morning.

Just after 10 a.m., firefighters, police and paramedics were called to Rothwell Heights Terrace at 1735 Montreal Road, where fire had started in a third-floor unit.

Emergency workers discovered a man, age 73, in the "fire affected" room.

"There was aggressive treatment done for the gentleman," but the man was declared dead at the scene, said paramedic spokesman J.P. Trottier.

Although an autopsy will be ordered, Trottier said it was clear the man had died from injuries as a result of the fire.

The name of the victim was being withheld yesterday until his family could be notified.

ETIENNE RANGER/FOR METRO OTTAWA

City paramedics wheel out residents of Rothwell Heights Terrace, a privately run supported living home on Montreal Road, after fire forced an evacuation yesterday. A 73-year-old man died in the blaze.

The blaze forced the evacuation of 119 residents and staff at the supportive living facility.

Four residents were treated for smoke inhalation and minor respiratory ailments.

Three of those people were taken to hospital and the other was treated and released at the scene.

A firefighter also suffered an ankle injury and was transported to Montfort hospital for treatment.

"Because of the nature of the residence, they had a lot of evacuation to do," said Ottawa District Fire Chief Lyle Fraser.

"There was heavy smoke conditions."

Residents of the first and second floors were allowed back into their units by late afternoon, but arrangements had to be made for third-floor residents whose apartments had incurred smoke and water damage.

Firefighters don't have an estimate of damage and had not yet determined the cause of the fire yesterday.

The Ontario Fire Marshal's Office has taken over the investigation.

Montreal Road between Blair and Elmsmere roads was closed for most of the morning.

The eastbound lanes were later reopened.

News in brief

POLITICS A former defence minister in the Paul Martin government has been chosen by the Liberals to take on Environment Minister John Baird in the Ottawa West-Nepean riding.

David Pratt, who was minister from December 2003 to November 2004, will be the Liberal candidate, the riding association announced yesterday. METRO OTTAWA

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These results are not official.

Gatineau embraces Kettle crossing site

While some Ottawa politicians seem divided on the choice of Kettle Island for a new interprovincial bridge, Gatineau's mayor said yesterday he's thrilled with the recommendation to link the Aviation Parkway with Montee Paiement in Quebec.

"We're very pleased with the result of the (NCC) study."
Mayor Marc Bureau

"We're very happy with the recommendation," Mayor Marc Bureau said at a media conference yesterday, after the National Capital Commission revealed its preferred site for a crossing.

"We're very pleased with the result of the (NCC) study."

Bureau hopes the bridge at Montee Paiement could also mean another link between Ottawa and Gatineau for the STO's Rapibus and OC Transpo.

Last year, the city added two lanes to the high-traffic area, making a total of four lanes for Montee Paiement.

The Aviation Parkway in Ottawa would be expanded to four lanes as well, to feed and handle the bridge traffic.

The road, especially the area where it will meet the bridge, will require a little work before the bridge is put in, Bureau said.

Bureau said he will take into account the result of public consultation held at the Maison du Citoyen Sept. 23, when city council discusses the matter in October.

Bureau said he didn't know how much Gatineau's share of the bridge would cost.

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Plumper paycheques push police projections higher

Cops need $9.95M more next year to cover staffing costs

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Driven by rising labour costs, the Ottawa Police Service announced yesterday it will seek a nearly $10 million increase in next year's budget.

The proposed $9.95 million increase would add $27 to the average property tax bill, on top of a 4.9 per cent increase already projected by municipal staff. But the city's police chief said the boost was in line with three-year projections set in 2007.

"There are no surprises. The vast majority are labour cost increases. In the province of Ontario, we've seen an average of three-plus per cent (increase) a year on salary … alone," said Ottawa Police Chief Vern White.

White is budgeting for an increase of $14.1 million, bringing the total budget to $217 million, but said $4.15 million of that will be recouped through user fees, efficiencies and assessment growth.

"There are no surprises."
Vern White, Ottawa police chief

More than 80 per cent of the policing budget is spent on staff, which makes it "very inflexible" when searching for savings, said OPS director general Debra Frazer, adding that increases to labour costs alone are expected to grow by $11.4 million next year – with most of that to cover pay increases.

A constable's salary nearly doubles in the first four years, from $37,600 to $73,400, before benefits.

Fifteen civilians and 30 new officers will be hired next year, to plug holes left by officers who joined newly formed units, such as Street Crime and the Direct Action Response Team.

The fuel budget is expected to rise $1 million, with gasoline pegged at $1.30 per litre.

White said the increase would be lower if higher governments uploaded the cost of court services and policing for events associated with Ottawa being the national capital.

Mayor O'Brien said the budget was the "most professional" he's seen in a long time. If provincial court costs and security for federal events were removed, there might have been no increase at all, he said.

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Police to unfurl Latin American Festival banner
In celebration of the weekend's Ottawa-Gatineau Latin American Festival, Ottawa police are unfurling a Latin American Festival banner at 4 p.m. today. The banner, which is on display until Monday, is part of the police force's flag recognition program. OTTAWA POLICE

Police unveil station plans

New west-end Ottawa patrol building will even service levels across city

TIM WIECLAWSKI
Metro Ottawa

City police unveiled plans for a new $18.5-million west division patrol station yesterday.

The 41,000-square-foot, one-storey building will be located at 211 Huntmar Dr., just south of Scotiabank Place.

Ottawa Police Chief Vern White, who attended a groundbreaking for the station yesterday, said the new facility would be a key asset to help provide similar service levels across the city.

"To maintain relevance in a community you have to be seen in that community. Our service does that better than anyone, but when the nearest station between Arnprior and downtown is 40 kilometres, it's too far," said White.

"This new station will allow us to be seen in the community, to work in the community unlike we never have before in the west part of Ottawa."

The police service's west division operations will move into the building in December 2009. Many patrols serving rural and suburban areas will operate out of the building.

SUBMITTED PHOTO
An artist's rendition of the new west division patrol station.

Insp. Michael Rice said police don't anticipate traffic problems associated with Ottawa Senators home games.

"(At) the times when the officers start their shifts, they'll be going in the opposite direction of the game and we will have different access routes," he said.

Rice is scheduled to move into the building when it opens. He said he was enthusiastic about the design and the location.

Over the next few weeks police are consulting with members of the community to put final touches on the facility. Construction is slated to begin in November.

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Invasions nothing to panic about, chief says

Ottawa's top cop is advising residents not to panic about the recent rash of home invasions in the city, suggesting they may be less random than people believe.

"It doesn't panic me where I live and it shouldn't panic the vast majority of the public," Ottawa Police Chief Vern White said. "We will catch these guys."

White said there is typically more to a home invasion than what is originally perceived and often a specific reason behind it.

"Typically, people doing the home invasion know someone in the home or what should be there to do the attack," he said. "Some are stranger home invasions, but, typically, there is a reason they invade a residence."

The example White gave was in Durham Region, where invaders would target people who recently purchased items at certain prices. White said police are working to release as much specific information to the public as possible about the people involved.

"There are people out there who know who these home invaders are and getting that information back is only going to come from getting those facts out," said White.

There were two home invasions reported in Ottawa's west end this week, including one in which a pregnant teenager was hit in the mouth with the butt of a shotgun.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

News in brief

CONTRACT Ottawa taxpayers will need to pay $10 million to cover the cost for a new fire department contract. An arbitrator has awarded retroactive wage increases since 2004 to the Ottawa Fire Service's 900 firefighters. Included is bonus pay to keep employees from leaving the department.

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Poll suggests Ontarians want to ditch golf course pesticide use

A new poll commissioned by a doctor's environmental group shows the majority of Ontarians want golf courses to stop using pesticides, in opposition to a provincial exemption that allows chemical use for manicured greens. Released yesterday, the poll of 741 residents concluded that 68 per cent support a golf pesticide phase-out. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canada

"That's what makes things possible ... the constant light."

Lucy Kuptana speaking about how her town, Inuvik, is converting a old hockey arena into a greenhouse.

Fresh food

Inuvik's annual mean temperature is minus 9.7 C, and the greenhouse is allowing many town residents to enjoy fresh, locally grown vegetables for the first time. REUTERS

Drugs can't cure cancer: Studies

If cancer can be beaten, it's unlikely that new drugs will be the champions.

That's the suggestion found in three, paradigm-shifting studies that show the disease is simply too genetically complex for any magic-bullet medicine to defeat, researchers say.

The studies, released yesterday by the world's two top scientific journals, provide the most detailed look yet at the genetic roots of two of the most deadly forms of the disease: pancreatic cancer and glioblastoma multiforme brain tumours.

therapeutics

- 99 per cent of applied cancer research now goes to developing new therapeutics the studies said.

The emerging map of these cancers suggest that the consuming search for drugs to cure cancer may well prove fruitless for most forms of the disease and that early diagnosis prevention and therapeutics should be the main focus of research into the ailment.

"It is, I think, apparent from studies like ours that it is going to be even more difficult perhaps than previously expected to derive real cures from such (drug) therapies," said Dr. Bert Vogelstein, an author on two studies that appeared yesterday in the Journal Science.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dion blasts agriculture minister

LISTERIOSIS The Liberal Party called on Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz to resign yesterday over comments he made about meat inspection in the wake of a food-poisoning outbreak linked to 19 deaths.

Liberal leader Stéphane Dion said a leaked cabinet document shows the Conservatives went ahead with a plan earlier this year to shift food-safety control programs to industry, giving federal meat inspectors only an oversight role.

totals

- Health officials believe at least 38 people across the country have had listeriosis food poisoning in the past few months. The same strain of the bacteria was found in deli meat from a Toronto plant owned by Maple Leaf Foods

But Ritz has maintained that the document was only a discussion paper and said the plan had not been implemented. Dion also took issue with Ritz's claim last month that meat inspectors spend about half their time on plant floors, noting the president of a union representing the inspectors called the minister's statement "pure fiction." REUTERS

Finley targeted by strippers

LEGAL FIGHT The law that Ottawa introduced to sanction its de facto ban on foreign strippers is unconstitutional and would be defeated in court, prominent Toronto lawyer Morris Manning said yesterday.

Citizenship and Immigration Minister Diane Finley "is acting outside her authority in a manner that is contrary to the rule of law and democratic principles," Manning wrote in a legal opinion for the Adult Entertainment Association of Canada. The association, which represents 53 of the 140 strips clubs in Ontario, and Citizenship and Immigration Canada have been fighting since 2004

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Election **NDP warming up**

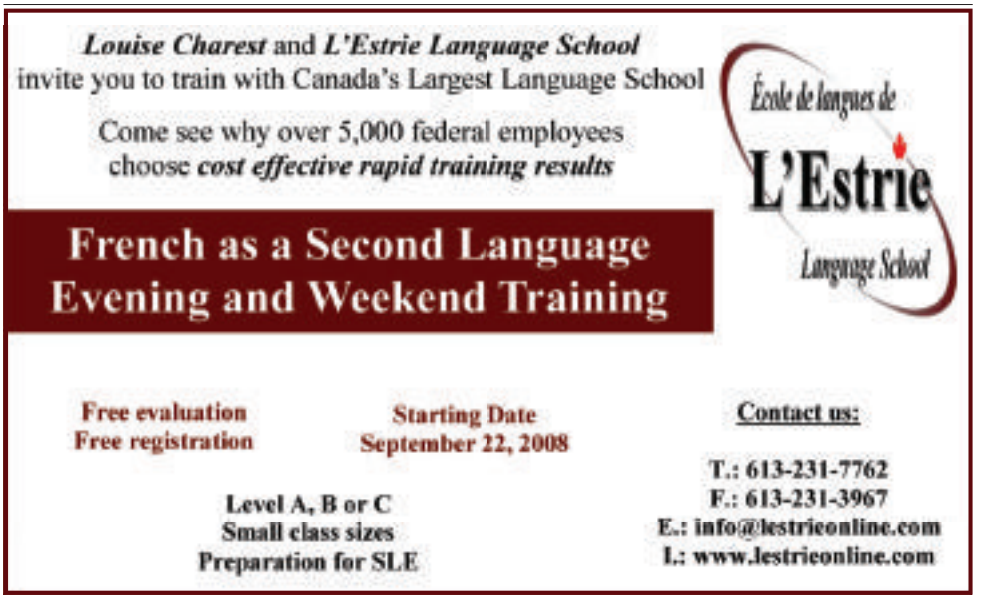
RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NDP Leader Jack Layton was in Toronto yesterday hosting a pre-election town hall meeting with party candidates from the area. Layton laid out his message on issues ranging from affordable medication to smog on the eve of the federal election expected to be called Sunday.

News in brief

ELECTION Foreign Minister David Emerson made the announcement Wednesday that he would not run in an election expected to be called Sunday. Yesterday, Fisheries Minister Loyola Hearn and Human Resources Minister Monte Solberg joined the departures when they said they will not be running again for the Tories.

CAT KILLERS Two 16-year-olds from Alberta who admitted to microwaving a cat and watching it cook to death, have been sentenced to one year of probation. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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2.4 million cases of cancer caused by tobacco use in five-year span

Tobacco caused 2.4 million cases of cancer in the U.S. from 1999 to 2004, researchers said yesterday. Lung and bronchial cancer made up nearly half, but larynx, mouth, stomach, pancreas, kidney, bladder, and cervix cancers were also linked, as well as leukemia. REUTERS

World/Business

McCain: "Change is coming"

Republican John McCain promised Americans yesterday that "change is coming" to Washington if he is elected president on Nov. 4 and he pledged to overcome partisan rancor by working with Democrats.

McCain accepted his party's presidential nomination in a packed convention hall, insisting he can pull off the kind of change that Democratic candidate Barack Obama talks about in a year Americans are hungry for new leadership.

"Let me offer an advance warning to the old, big spending, do-nothing, me-first, country-second Washington crowd: change is coming"" said McCain, himself a U.S. senator since 1986.

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John McCain

The 72-year-old Arizona senator, who bears the scars of 5 1/2 years as a Vietnam prisoner of war, launched a two-month campaign to win the White House, entering the push to Election Day as the underdog with most polls showing Democrat Barack Obama ahead by a few percentage points.

McCain, portrayed as no different than unpopular President Bush by Obama and the Democrats, tried to reclaim his image as a Republican maverick in hopes of attracting independent voters.

"I don't work for a party. I don't work for a special interest. I don't work for myself. I work for you," he said.

Protesters tried to disrupt the proceedings but were shouted down by the crowd. "Please don't be diverted by the ground noise and the static," McCain said. "Americans want us to stop yelling at each other." REUTERS

Hard act to follow

- More than 37 million U.S. TV viewers tuned in to Sarah Palin's nomination acceptance speech Wednesday, just shy of the record set by Barack Obama's address to the Democratic convention last week.

Business

National food price wars are over: Analyst

REPORT Despite advertising meant to convince consumers otherwise, food prices are taking a bigger bite out of consumers' wallets as higher prices for some foods more than offset the savings on others, Perry Caicco, a research analyst at CIBC World Markets, wrote in a note to clients this week.

"The national (food) price wars are over," Caicco declared in a 21-page report on the state of the food industry and, in particular market leader, Loblaw Cos. Ltd.

"This does not mean the industry will be less price competitive than before. Indeed ... strong flyers and sharp price points will continue," Caicco added.

But such campaigns are now more targeted, involve fewer items, and are less harmful to retailer's profit margins, Caicco noted.

Both major retailers named in the report, Loblaw and Wal-Mart Canada Corp., said later they continue to invest in prices and look for ways to pass on savings to customers. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

News in brief

AFGHANISTAN A French magazine published photos yesterday of Taliban fighters with trophies, including uniforms, weapons, helmets, and a wristwatch, taken from French soldiers in an Aug. 18 ambush in Afghanistan. Defence Minister Herve Morin suggested the magazine's reporters had done the Taliban a favour in the propaganda war. "Should we be doing the Taliban's promotion for them?" he said.

ARGENTINA Furious rail commuters in Argentina set fire to a train yesterday in anger over delays during the morning rush hour. Television images showed black smoke and flames engulfing the train at Merlo station, located in the western suburbs of Buenos Aires. At nearby Castelar, passengers hurled stones at the ticket office and blocked the rails. Argentina's dilapidated rail services are plagued by delays and travelers' anger has led to violence in the past.

NETHERLANDS A club where dancers generate power to light the floor, drinks come in recyclable cups and and toilets flush with rain water opened in the Netherlands yesterday, hoping to lure eco-conscious clubbers. Rotterdam's WATT is designed to save about 30 percent on energy and carbon emissions and 50 percent on water and waste. REUTERS

New York **Virgin voyage**

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Virgin founder and chairman Richard Branson and his daughter Holly sail on the boat Virgin Money, as it goes out for a sea trial in New York harbor near the Statue of Liberty yesterday before attempting to break the transatlantic mono-hull sailing record.

U.S. strikes militant "haven" in Pakistan

RAID U.S. commandos attacked an al-Qaeda target in Pakistan this week in an operation that could signal more intense American efforts to thwart militants in Afghanistan, U.S. officials said yesterday.

The Bush administration has not officially acknowledged any involvement in the Wednesday attack on the village of Angor Adda that killed up to 20 people, including women and children, Pakistani officials say.

Pentagon officials speaking anonymously said the raid targeted suspected operatives and aimed to disrupt militant safe havens. The havens, where al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden is believed to be hiding, are said to represent a leading security threat to the United States and Europe.

The raid spawned a furious response from the Pakistan government, which has opposed action by U.S. troops on its soil. REUTERS

Bell upgrades to new Nortel tech

TELECOM BCE Inc's Bell Canada phone company unit has bought a new technology from Nortel Networks Corp that lets telecom firms quadruple the capacity of their networks, the companies said yesterday.

The technology delivers speeds of 40 gigabits per second — about four times faster than today's high-end networking speeds — over fiber-optic cables thinner than a human hair. REUTERS

In brief

REPORT Bombardier Inc. reported a stronger fiscal second quarter yesterday, as demand for its aircraft grew and its backlog rose to a record, buoying hopes that the company can ride out a softening market.

INTERNET New York cable TV operator Cablevision Systems Corp. has introduced a free Wi-Fi network for subscribers who want to access the Web via wireless devices. The Optimum Wi-Fi is free for existing subscribers to its Optimum home Internet service. REUTERS

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Tennis
Four-time champion Roger Federer weathered a tough battle against Luxembourg qualifier Gilles Muller to book his place in the U.S. Open semifinal with a 7-6, 6-4, 7-6 win yesterday in New York. REUTERS

Sports

Isbister joins Senators

The Ottawa Senators signed winger Brad Isbister, left, to a one-year, two-way contract yesterday. Isbister, who will be joining his fifth different team in as many seasons, spent last season with Vancouver and recorded six goals and five assists in 55 games.
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Spidey pales next to Ocho

Stunt by Argos' Bruce doesn't cut it next to sport's greatest showboaters

YorkReport

Too bad Arland Bruce III couldn't come up with something a tad more entertaining the other night.

Slipping on a Spider-Man mask to celebrate a touchdown for the Toronto Argonauts just didn't cut it. I mean, I don't want to come off like Simon Cowell or one of those television-show judges, but Bruce's performance lacked creativity, imagination and was well below acceptable showboating standards.

Heck, top showboaters don't even use props any more. Nowadays, they change their name legally, or crush opponents in Olympic sprint competition without even trying.

Read more about Bruce and my thoughts on the shortage of good CFL hot-dogging this season in my latest CFL Report at metronews.ca, but let's just say no CFLer can hold a candle to the likes of NFL receiver Chad Johnson or sprinter Usain Bolt.

Never mind Johnson changing his name legally to Chad Ocho Cinco. This guy once mailed Pepto Bismol to his opponents before

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a game. He raced a horse. He declared he could outrace Michael Phelps in the swimming pool.

And Bolt? Well, besides his bizarre gyrations before and after his races, he practically moonwalks during them.

All of which explains why Johnson, er, Ocho Cinco and Bolt are 1-2 in a cool Fox list of sports' top 10 showboaters.

Bruce didn't make the list, of course, but two women and a Canadian NHL player did.

Tennis player Serena Williams is sixth, behind the NBA's Gilbert Arenas, NFL receiver Terrell Owens and NFL quarterback Brett Favre.

"Williams arguably has more flair than the entire men's side of tennis," Fox writes. "Her unusual fashion sense has inspired her to wear knee-high go-go boots during the U.S. Open … She once sported a skin-tight cat suit, too."

Ranked eighth on the showboat list, behind slugger Manny Ramirez, is Danica Patrick, described by Fox as "the most colourful driver in motor sports." She starred in a racy GoDaddy commercial and has had several run-ins with fellow auto racers on pit row.

Ranked 10th on the list, behind pitcher Carlos Zambrano, is NHLer Sean Avery of Pickering, Ont.

Avery, Fox writes, enjoys aggravating foes and drawing attention to himself. He did jumping jacks in front of goalie Martin Brodeur in the playoffs and he appeared at his introductory news conference with the Dallas Stars in salmon-coloured shoes and matching checkered shorts and jacket.

Never, though, would Avery or any of the above wear a Spider-Man mask. That was lame. Or, as Cowell might say, hideous.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Kansas City 5 Oakland 4 (10 ings) (Gm 1)
L.A. Angels 7 Detroit 1
Tampa Bay 7 N.Y. Yankees 5
Toronto 9 Minnesota 0
Oakland at Kansas City (Gm 2)

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati 8 Pittsburgh 6
Atlanta 2 Washington 0
San Diego at Milwaukee

TONIGHT'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Oakland at Baltimore, 7:05
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7:07
Boston at Texas, 8:05
Detroit at Minnesota, 8:10
Cleveland at Kansas City, 8:10
L.A. Angels at Chicago W. Sox, 8:11
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 10:05

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 7:10
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 7:10
Washington at Atlanta, 7:35
San Diego at Milwaukee, 8:05
Florida at St. Louis, 8:15
Houston at Colorado, 9:05
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 10:05
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 10:15

CFL

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TONIGHT'S GAME
Calgary at Edmonton, 9

TOMORROW'S GAME
B.C. at Hamilton, 4

SUNDAY'S GAMES
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Saskatchewan at Winnipeg, 4

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LAST NIGHT'S RESULT
N.Y. Giants 16 Washington 7

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Canadian rocks new 90210 role

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Let's face it: This time of year is often the dumping ground for lame movies. That's why Bangkok Dangerous, starring Nicolas Cage, and a host of other films aren't giving critics a chance to take a stab at them. But does it even matter?

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MGMT says they're owning up to being a real band.

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British group backlashes against Jolie's film image.

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Playing Bare reveals a unique play within a play.

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Do critics even matter?

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

If you're flipping through this newspaper searching for a review of the new movie Bangkok Dangerous, you can stop right here. There will be no review of Nicolas Cage's latest action-thriller today.

As it happens, studios occasionally decide not to show certain films to critics prior to their respective movie's opening weekend. As editor of the popular website MovieCity News.com, David Poland has a sense of why this occurs.

"The movies this time of year really, really suck," Poland said in a recent phone interview. "There's no value to having critics' screenings because they know how bad the movies are and so (studios) don't show them."

Its true there's been a noticeable surge of unscreened films lately.

Last weekend alone saw the release of three movies that were not given press screenings — Babylon A.D., Disaster Movie and College — but the absence of reviews doesn't ensure they'll turn out to be flops either. There have been considerable unscreened successes like The Day After Tomorrow, The Pink Panther and last year's Halloween. It would seem that, as entertainment columnist Patrick Goldstein recently wrote, "critics today are viewed as cultural dinosaurs on the verge of extinction."

Part of the reason is the Internet's creation of access to open forums of criticism but studio marketing may play a bigger part. Poland points out most marketing budgets for Hollywood films have inflated up to $70 million per flick.

"The movies this time of year really, really suck."
David Poland

"The advertising has kind of taken over everything," says Poland of trailers and TV ads, now the prime factor in people's film choices. "But the value of critics is still there certainly for art films, anything that's small and needs help."

Eric Lundegaard goes one further on Slate.com, saying that, despite popular belief, the public does pay attention to reviews.

After crunching the numbers, he writes, "critically acclaimed films average about $2000 more per screen than critically lambasted films."

Despite all the numbers, the truth is, reviews are so enjoyably subjective that it would be a sad day to see critics and even horrible reviews go the way of the "cultural dinosaur".

Besides, as novelist Kingsley Amis once said: "If you can't annoy somebody, there's little point in writing."

Posters of Angelina Jolie in the film Wanted have been banned in Britain, even though the movie is no longer playing in theatres and promotional posters have been discontinued.

Posters not Wanted

Angelina Jolie might ooze Hollywood glamour, but if she's armed and looking dangerous, the actress is not welcome in Britain.

Britain's media watchdog, the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA), has banned two posters of Jolie promoting the film Wanted after upholding complaints that the images of the gun-toting actress glamorized the use of guns and violence. One poster showed the actress crouching and holding a gun pointing upward while the other showed her lying on her back across a car's hood, brandishing guns. The ASA said it had received 17 complaints from people who thought the ads were irresponsible because they glorify and glamorize gun crime at a time when there is increasing public concern in Britain about it.

The film's maker, Universal Pictures, defended the posters, saying the style of the advertisements reflected the film's comic-book roots and providing examples of other ads they believed were more graphic and less stylized than their posters.

But the ASA ruling, handed down Wednesday, seemed to come a bit late. Universal said the posters for the film, which was released in Britain in June, were no longer being displayed, and there were no plans for their future use.

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Movie morsels

Traitor

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REVIEW Jeffrey Nachmanoff's Traitor takes its time setting up precisely what Don Cheadle's character does, and it eventually becomes clear that he is a spy working to infiltrate a terrorist network with big plans for another 9/11. The bulk of the movie concerns his attempts to maintain his cover while two eager FBI agents try to track him down.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Outsourced

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REVIEW Left with a decision between losing his job and training the new Indian branch, Todd Anderson (Josh Hamilton) picks up and heads off to a country with a culture and lifestyle totally opposite to his own

Brian Coulton/Metro Canada

Not a perfect flight

Fly Me To The Moon
Director: Ben Stassen
Stars: Voices of Christopher Lloyd, Tim Curry, Buzz Aldrin
Classification: G
Rating: ●●●

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

REVIEW One small step for man is not exactly a giant leap for the fly world in animated 3-D family film Fly Me to the Moon.

Young fly Nat and his friends, brainiac IQ and gluttonous Scooter, feel dispirited in adolescence and are in search of an adventure.

Inspired by Nat's Grandpa McFly's stories of flying across the Atlantic atop Amelia Earhart's shoulder, the friends are encouraged by Nat to find their great adventure.

The flies capitalize on American pressure to send the first astronauts to the moon by finding their way onto spaceflight Apollo 11, determined to join Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin as the first American flies to set foot on the moon.

They're not without their barriers, however. Unbeknownst to them, Russian flies have caught wind of their presence on board and will do everything in their power to sabotage the mission.

Fly Me to the Moon is an endearing story with comic protagonists the audience wants to root for.

Visual qualities, including the eye-candied 3-D (the film is the first animated one to be designed and produced for 3-D) are the source of the film's buzz.

The imaginative earthly fly world is well constructed and the '60s are captured in attire and sound throughout.

Aside from the visual, however, jokes are lukewarm at the best of times, rarely drawing many laughs even from the young audience.

While the film presents a bite-sized history lesson for kids, its championed exaction of NASA mission details dilutes the family fun. And, the inclusion of the real Buzz Aldrin takes a dim turn when an unnecessary epilogue featuring the astronaut in real life sucks any remaining fun from the film.

If it weren't for kids in the audience reaching to stroke the popping 3-D images, Fly Me to the Moon would have little enchanting power.

Quote of the week

GETTY IMAGES

"I arrived on set for the sex scene to find Gerry was very unwell indeed. So I wouldn't kiss him. I don't know how (Guy) coped with those problems but it ended up being one of the most brilliant scenes. But I did find it challenging having to climax in a close-up to camera."

Thandie Newton on filming a sex scene with an ill Gerard Butler in Guy Ritchie's new movie RocknRolla.

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Movie took shocking creative liberties?

Bottle Shock, a film based on a real wine tasting in Paris in 1976 where Californian wines beat French rivals, has left some of those involved in the original event with a sour taste.

Alan Rickman, centre, plays wine tasting organizer Steven Spurrier in Bottle Shock. The real-life Spurrier calls the film "a tissue of lies."

The Paris Wine Tasting of 1976, which is also known as the Judgment of Paris, has emerged as one of the most important tastings in the history of wine that is often re-enaacted as it helped put California on the world fine wine map.

The film is one of two inspired by the 2005 book The Judgment of Paris by George Taber, the only journalist to cover the landmark blind tasting at which a mainly French panel of experts rated then-unknown California wines higher than the best Bordeaux had to offer.

While Taber's two-paragraph article appeared on page 58 of the June 7, 1976 issue of Time magazine, the results were astounding, not least to the jurors themselves, by challenging France's claim to be the world's superior wine-making nation. Bottle Shock is the first of the "judgment" films to be released, but it isn't the official version.

According to both the tasting's organizer, Steven Spurrier (played by Alan Rickman) and Taber, it deviates so far from reality that it should not have the right to be advertised as a true story.

"It's a tissue of lies. I've heard the only good part is Alan Rickman," said Spurrier, now a wine writer and consultant based in London.

Bottle Shock takes numerous egregious liberties, claim its detractors, including a broad-stroke mischaracterization of Spurrier as a bumbling British snob with a failing wine shop. In reality, Spurrier joined the wine trade in 1964 and moved to Paris in 1970 where he opened the L'Academie du Vin, France's first private wine school.

"The portrait of Steven Spurrier is an outrage, and not at all what he is really like," said Taber, who has seen the film.

Even more critical a point of contention is the film's portrayal of the men behind the highest-ranked white wine of the tasting, a Chateau Montelena 1973 Chardonnay from California.

No mention is given in Bottle Shock to the estate's winemaker Mike Grgich but instead to Jim Barrett, the mostly hands-off part-owner of Chateau Montelena, and his son Bo.

"To claim Barrett made that wine was incorrect, Mike Grgich made it," said Taber.

"Aside from drinking it and appreciating it, he didn't know anything about wine. Mike Grgich got the George Orwell treatment and became a non-person."

For his part, Grgich, now 84 and a well-respected winemakers, fell out with Barrett long ago. While he realizes the importance of the role he played in the original 1976 tasting, he recently told Decanter magazine that he was "pushed aside."

> **"So the movie is based on a lie ... I find that particularly offensive even though it's a crappy film."**
> Robert Kamen, vintner/screenwriter

Spurrier and Taber are hoping the truth will out by way of a rival script — as yet unproduced — by screenwriter Robert Kamen.

"These people make believe Barrett made the wine — to deny Mike Grgich his rightful place in history," said Kamen, who also owns Sonoma Valley, California winery Kamen Estate. "If you look at the wine as an act of creation, you give credit to the person who created it. So the movie is based on a lie — financed and fronted by the Barretts, a 30-year campaign to erase Mike Grgich's name from history. I find that particularly offensive even though it's a crappy film."

Nobody involved in the production of Bottle Shock was available to comment.

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Hathaway's dark role sparks early awards buzz

Anne Hathaway's dark role in Rachel Getting Married, which premiered this week in Venice, is generating early Oscar buzz, with several critics hailing her departure from fairytale and comic characters.

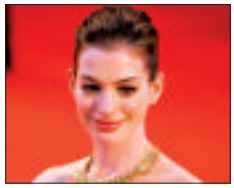
In the family drama directed by Jonathan Demme, Hathaway plays Kym, a recovering drug addict who checks out of a rehabilitation center to attend her sister's wedding.

Her acerbic one-liners and need for attention serve as the catalysts for long-simmering family tensions to come to the boil, forcing her to confront her sense of guilt over the death of her little brother.

"An award-worthy Anne Hathaway gives the story a clear central focus," wrote the Hollywood Reporter, while rival trade publication Variety called her "fragile, angry, superb."

Hathaway, best known for her girl-next-door performances in The Princess Diaries and The Devil Wears Prada, told Reuters on Thursday it was too early to think about awards.

"It's the beginning of September and if I started being concerned about buzz now I would never make it through Christmas," Hathaway said in an interview.



Anne Hathaway on the red carpet in Venice.

"I could not be happier with this film, whatever happens to it. If it sinks at the box office, if it doesn't ever win an award, it's so successful in my mind," the 25-year-old added.

Hathaway has said Kym was the most complex role she had taken on so far.

Critics also praised Debra Winger's brief but intense performance in the film as the dysfunctional family's aloof mother. Screen Daily said three-time Oscar nominee Winger had made the small supporting role memorable.

"Rachel Getting Married will undoubtedly be up for awards consideration in the major categories," it wrote.

Most critics said the movie helped lift a weaker-than-usual lineup at the Venice film festival this year, and Hathaway's appearance on the red carpet gave the festival a welcome touch of Hollywood glamour.

Demme's previous films include 1991 thriller The Silence of the Lambs, which won five Oscars, and 1993 AIDS drama Philadelphia. **REUTERS**

Movie morsels

Pineapple Express

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REVIEW Produced by Judd Apatow and starring Hollywood's favorite court jester Seth Rogen, this film is a Midnight Run-type caper about a dope-smoking process server who goes on the lam with his hapless drug dealer (James Franco) after witnessing a murder. Sure, it's a hollow story and the pacing is uneven, but this comedy still works as an impossibly hip comedy about impossibly uncool characters.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Vicky Christina Barcelona

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REVIEW Vicky Cristina Barcelona appears on screens one year shy of the 40th anniversary of Woody Allen's directorial debut Take The Money And Run. Despite the fact that the director has averaged one film per year since, his latest movie has the energy, vitality, and themes of a young filmmaker trying to make a name for himself. Scarlett Johansson and Rebecca Hall star as the titular duo Vicky and Cristina, two lost souls spending a summer in Barcelona.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

Tropic Thunder

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REVIEW Ben Stiller leads the all-star cast of Jack Black, Robert Downey Jr. and even Tom Cruise (in a surprising role that's sure to relieve those who thought he'd all but beamed up to Planet Thetan) in this spoof of Hollywood egos and icons. Stiller plays Tugg Speedman, a fleeting action star leading the cast of a fictional war film being shot in Southeast Asia. After the movie goes over budget, the actors are sent into the jungle to capture "real fear in their eyes."

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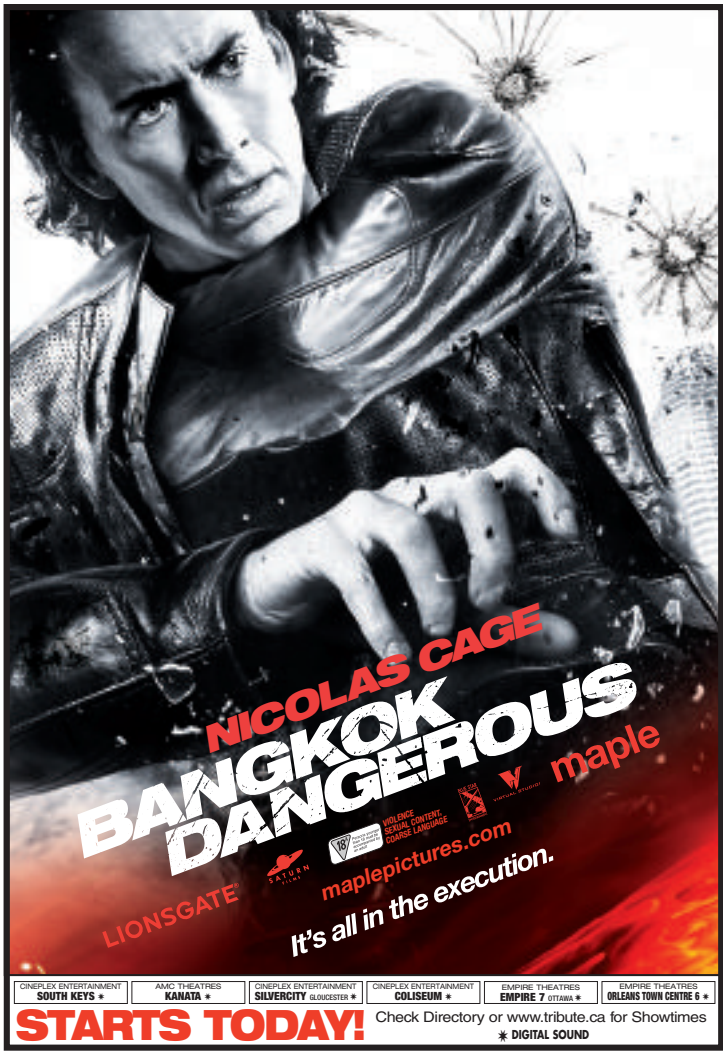

Reel Time

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Addicted to danger

New Iraq film explores soldier's compulsion for self-destruction

In The Hurt Locker, the latest film about the war in Iraq, a bomb disposal expert takes risks beyond the call of duty as he comes to realize that only one thing makes him feel truly alive — dicing with death.

Director Kathryn Bigelow, in her first feature in six years, explores why, in a time when most armies are full of volunteers rather than draftees, many men choose to fight.

Staff Sergeant William James, played by Jeremy Renner, takes over a bomb disposal team in Baghdad, and the loose cannon quickly ups the already high stakes by going where he does not have to go.

The movie, which premiered at the Venice film festival on Thursday, is packed with tension and violence, and paints an essentially sympathetic picture of a group of men stuck in a living hell which affects them in different ways.

From the point of view of a paranoid soldier counting down the days until he goes home, every pile of rubble on the streets could be a bomb and every passer-by could be a killer.

"It's almost a dirty little secret of war that, as horrible as it is, there are some men who through the intensity of the experience come to find it alluring," said Mark Boal, the screenwriter who was in Iraq as a reporter in 2004.

Bigelow, for whom The Hurt Locker is the first feature since submarine drama K-19: The Widowmaker in 2002, said she wanted to try and put the audience into the situations soldiers in Iraq faced every day.

"My interest was to give this conflict a human face and to enable an audience to actually experience what a soldier experiences," the American filmmaker told reporters.

"I think this is a war that certainly in my country is extremely under-reported, so that is another reason to pursue it," added Bigelow, best known for her 1991 hit Point Break, starring Keanu Reeves and PatrickSwayze.

Producer Greg Shapiro acknowledged that films based on the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq have struggled to find an audience in the United States.

"It is a very tough marketplace for Iraq war films," he said. "There's not a great appetite for them in America for whatever reason.

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Greg Shapiro

Last year the competition featured two movies with an Iraqi war theme including Redacted, Brian De Palma's shocking reconstruction of the real-life rape and killing of a teenaged Iraqi girl by U.S. soldiers who also murdered her family.

Redacted made a paltry $65,000 in domestic ticket sales and opened in only 15 theatres, according to movie tracking Web site boxofficemojo.com.

Bigelow is the only female director among the 21 filmmakers in the main competition at the Venice festival, which winds up with an awards ceremony on Saturday. REUTERS

Movie morsels

The House Bunny

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REVIEW Written by the team behind Legally Blonde (who must be legally out of ideas), this dud tells the story of an aging model (Anna Faris) who joins a sorority after she's ejected from the Playboy Mansion. Attempting to be empowering, the film ends up embarrassing with characters so insipid and one-dimensional that to squeeze any depth from this flick would be like searching for theological subtext in a Jonas Brothers song. Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Faris plays an ejected Playboy Bunny in The House Bunny

The Longshots

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REVIEW Directed by Limp Bizkit frontman Fred Durst (seriously!), this is the true story of a girl (Keke Palmer) inspired to play football by her uncle (Ice Cube). While Cube is decent enough, the plot moves too quickly and is short on conflict. In the end, that's the film's biggest downfall — sure, it's harmless enough, but The Longshots' saccharine intent to inspire is simply overbearing. Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Swing Vote

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REVIEW Earnest (Bud) Johnson – an affable small-town screwup who accidentally gets the chance to determine the outcome of the U.S. Presidential election — is pretty much the prototypical Kevin Costner role: the aw-shucks messiah whose basic decency wins the day. The film is a debacle: a lazy attempt at a contemporary Frank Capra fable that takes the tone of a condescending civics lesson. Adam Nayman/Metro Canada

The Dark Knight

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REVIEW The follow-up to Batman Begins definitely takes the caped crusader down a darker path. When the psychopathic villain The Joker (played by the late Heath Ledger) terrorizes Gotham City, Batman (Christian Bale) is tangled in a moral struggle. People will flock to this film (and rightly so) because Christopher Nolan creates a stunning visual masterpiece and captures mesmerizing performances by Bale and Ledger. Steve Gow/Metro Canada

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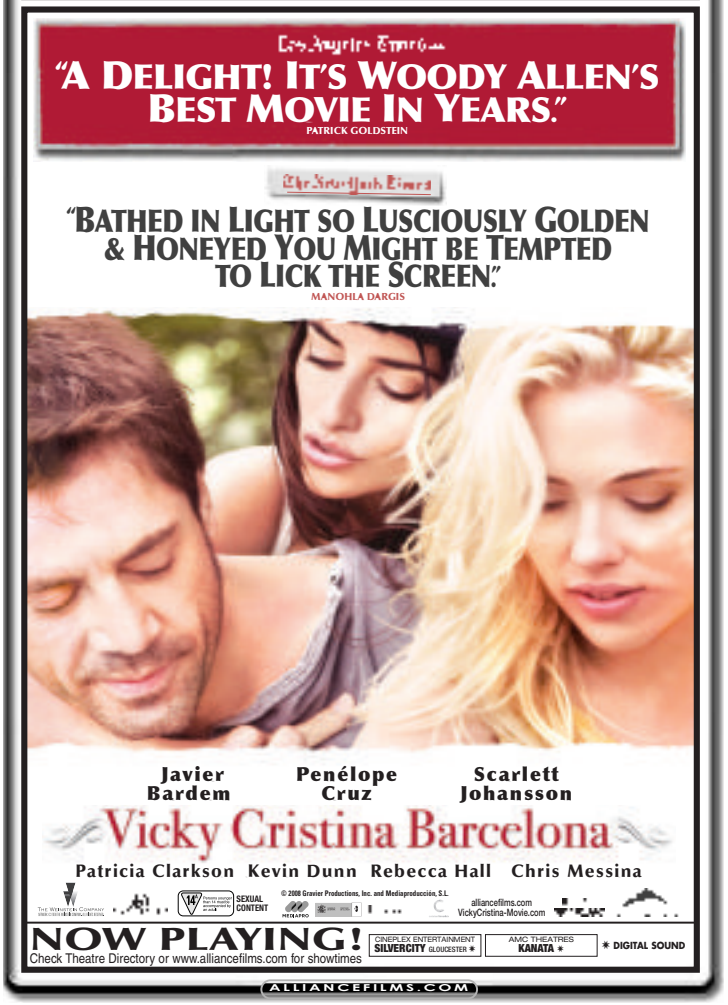
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A Fistful of Dollars (STC) Sun 1:45 Mon 9:15

I Served the King of England (14A) Fri 4:30 Sat 2:15-9:15 Sun 3:55

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Man on Wire (PG) Fri 7 Sat 4:45 Sun 6:25 Mon 4:45 Tue-Wed 7 Thu 9:25

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3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

Babylon A.D. (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:15-5:35-8-10:25 Mon-Thu 5:35-8-10:25

Bangkok Dangerous (18A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:30-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10

College (18A) Fri-Sun 1:05-6:40 Mon-Thu 6:40

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:50-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:10-10

Death Race (18A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:40-10:20

Disaster Movie (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:05-5:25-7:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 5:25-7:50-10:15

The House Bunny (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:55-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:20-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:30

Mera Pind (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Sun 1:20-5-8:30 Mon-Thu 5-8:30

Mirrors (18A) Fri-Sat 4:05-9:10 Sun 4:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-9:10

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri-Sun 2-4:50-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:25-10:05

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Fri-Sat 6:30-9:20 Sun 9:20 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:20

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

WALL-E (G) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:10 Mon-Thu 4:10

WWE: Unforgiven (STC) Sun 8

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Babylon A.D. (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:20-7:20-9:45 Mon-Wed 4:20-7:20-9:45 Thu 4:20-9:45

Bangkok Dangerous (18A) Fri 4:10-6:40-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:45-4:10-6:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:40-9:15

College (18A) Fri-Mon 3:45-9:35 Tue 3:45-9:35 Wed-Thu 3:45-9:35

Hamlet 2 (14A) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30

The House Bunny (PG) Fri 4-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-4-7:10-9:40 Mon 4-9:40 Tue-Thu 4-7:10-9:40

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri 3:40-6:45-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:20

Traitor (14A) Fri 3:30-6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:30-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:50-9:25

Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri 3:50-7:9:30 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-7-9:30

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Get Smart (PG) Mon 8:50 Tue 7

The Happening (14A) Thu 7

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri 8:55 Sat 6:30

Iron Man (PG) Fri 6:30 Sat 8:50

Sex and the City (18A) Sun 8:50

Step Brothers (14A) Tue 9:10 Wed 7

Wanted (18A) Wed 9 Thu 8:50

When Did You Last See Your Father? (PG) Sun-Mon 7

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Get Smart (PG) Fri-Wed 10:40-1-3:15-7:25 Thu 10:40-3:15-7:25 Thu 1

Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 5:30-9:40

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 3:50-9

Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-12:40-2:40-4:55

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Fri-Sat 6:50-9:10 Sun-Mon 9:10 Tue 6:50-9:10 Wed 9:10 Thu 6:50-9:10 Open Captioned Sun-Mon 6:50 Open Captioned Wed 6:50

Space Chimps (G) Fri-Thu 10:30-12:30-2:20-4:30

Swing Vote (PG) Fri-Thu 10-12:50-6:35

Wanted (18A) Fri-Sat 6:30-8:50 Sun-Mon 8:50 Tue 6:30-8:50 Wed 8:50 Thu 6:30-8:50 Open Captioned Sun-Mon 6:30 Open Captioned Wed 6:30

The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14A) Fri-Thu 10:10-12:20-2:50-5:7:15-9:20

Babylon A.D. starring Vin Diesel came in second at the box office last weekend in North America.

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The Dark Knight (14A) DTS Digital Fri 4:30-8 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1-4:30-8 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 4:30-8

Death Race (18A) SDDS Digital Fri 4-6:45-9:05 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:45-9:05 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 4-6:45-9:05

Disaster Movie (14A) DTS Digital Fri 4:15-6:30-9 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-6:30-9 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 4:15-6:30-9

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The House Bunny (PG) Fri-Thu 10:25-12:45-3:25-7-9:40

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thu 10:15-1-3:45-6:30-9:15

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Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri-Thu 11:05-1:55-4:55-7:25-9:50

You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) Fri-Thu 11-1:50-4:40

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College (18A) Fri-Sun 3:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 9:40

La Graine et le Mulet (STC) Fri-Sun 12:40-6:40 Mon-Thu 6:40

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AstÈrix aux Jeux Olympiques (G) Fri-Sun 12-4:30 Mon-Thu 12-5:30

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Les ChimpanzÈs de l'espace (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:30-3-8:05 Mon-Thu 12-1:30-3-7:05

Cruising Bar 2 (13+) Fri-Sun 1:45-5:30-9:25 Mon-Thu 2-3:45-7:35-9:20

Hancock (v.f.) (13+) Fri-Sun 12-5:40 Mon-Thu 12-5:35

Kung Fu Panda v.f. (G) Fri-Sun 12-5:40 Mon-Thu 12-5:35

Mamma Mia! v.f. (STC) Fri-Sun 3:35-5:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 1:40-3:50-7:10-9:05

La Momie: La Tombe de l'empereur dragon (G) Fri-Sun 1:40-3:40-7:20-9:15 Mon-Thu 1:40-3:40-7:15-9:10

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Course ‡ la mort (13+) Fri-Sat

Hellboy II : L'ArmÈe d'or (G) Fri-Sat

Pineapple Express (13+) Fri-Sat

Step Brothers (13+) Fri-Sat

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La Bunny du campus (G) Fri 7:10-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:50-7:10-9:20 Mon 7:10-9:20 Tue 1:20-3:50-7:10-9:20 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:20

Ce Qu'il Faut Pour Vivre (G) Fri 7:05-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7:05-9:30 Mon 7:05-9:30 Tue 1:30-4-7:05-9:30 Wed-Thu 7:05-9:30

Course ‡ la mort (13+) Fri 6:45-9:10 Sat-Sun 1-3:30-6:45-9:10 Mon 6:45-9:10 Tue 1-3:30-6:45-9:10 Wed-Thu 6:45-9:10

Danger ‡ Bangkok (13+) Fri 7:25-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:05-3:40-7:25-9:40 Mon 7:25-9:40 Tue 1:05-3:40-7:25-9:40 Wed-Thu 7:25-9:40

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La Bunny du campus (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:25-6:55-9:20

Ce Qu'il Faut Pour Vivre (G) Fri-Sat 7:40-10:15 Sun 10:15 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:15

Le Chevalier noir (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:50-10:05

Course ‡ la mort (13+) Fri-Thu 12:35-1:15-3:35-4:05-6:50-7:25-9:30-10:10

Danger ‡ Bangkok (13+) Fri-Thu 12:55-4-7:10

En Plein Coeur (STC) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:15-9:55

Film catastrophe (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:35

Mamma Mia! v.f. (STC) Fri-Sat 7-9:55 Sun 7 Mon-Thu 7-9:55

Miroirs (13+) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:10-9:45

La Momie: La Tombe de l'empereur dragon (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:35-9:20

Quatre filles et un jeans 2 (STC) Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7:20-10:05

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:55

Tonnerre sous les tropiques (13+) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:15-7-9:50

Voyage au centre de la Terre (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-4:05-7:30-10

WALL-E (v.f.) (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:35

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The Dark Knight (14A) Fri 8:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-4:20-8:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:50

Death Race (18A) Fri-Sun 7-9:30 Mon-Thu 8

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Tropic Thunder (14A) Fri 6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:20-8:10 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1

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Music

Rock reloads for fall

Metallica album drops next week, U2 on hold until 2009

SoundCheck

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With Labour Day a memory and just 110 shopping days until Christmas, it's time to look at the fall album release schedule. Here's a sample of what we can expect for the do-or-die fourth quarter.

• **Metallica — Death Magnetic (Sept. 12):** After 15 years working with Canadian producer Bob Rock, Metallica hoped that studio guru Rick Rubin might get them out of a years-long creative funk. He told them the answer was to go back to what made them big in the 80s. Death Magnetic features lots of riffing, machine-gun drums and abrupt tempo and time signature changes. If you were into Master of Puppets-era 'Tallica, you'll be pleased. And just so they have all the attention to themselves, Metallica will release this album on a Friday instead of the industry-standard Tuesday.

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• **Keane — Perfect Symmetry (Oct. 14):** Things looked dicey for Keane when singer Tom Chaplin had to spend some time in rehab, forcing the band to lose some of the momentum they had built with their first two albums. There's optimism that this new album will put things right. And what's this? An electric guitar on a Keane album?

• **Snow Patrol — A Hundred Million Suns (Oct. 28):** The favourite act of the stars of Grey's Anatomy are ready with a fifth studio album that comes with an interesting marketing twist. It was announced this week that Suns will be used in some kind of interactive application for Apple's iPhone and Touch. Users will be able to access all kinds of bonus content, including lyrics and artwork. If this works, expect other bands to follow.

• **Coldplay — Prospects March OR Prospects Song (Dec. 26):** Didn't we just get a Coldplay album? Apparently, there's more where that came from. There's a very strong possibility that we'll see an EP featuring Viva la Vida leftovers, including a Chris Martin/Kyle Minogue duet called "Luna."

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Metallica, left, are taking the unusual step of releasing new album Death Magnetic on a Friday, while U2, above, have apparently decided to delay their upcoming album until early 2009.

• **U2 — No Line on the Horizon (Nov—Er, never mind . . .):** Apparently, there's been a delay. After much speculation that the album would be released on Nov. 14, Bono dropped a bomb Wednesday, saying that nothing will be ready until early 2009 — not even a sniff of the rumoured first single, Sexy Boots. Universal, their record label, can't be happy. This also can't be good news for the stock price of Vivendi, Universal's parent company.

Check my Music Geek blog for more on this fall's new releases.

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MGMT's debut Oracular Spectacular includes hit Time to Pretend.

Time to Pretend

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

In today's electronic age, what makes a band? Is it playing shows? Releasing music (vinyl, disc, mp3 or otherwise) to international acclaim? Reaching the top of the Billboard chart? Does it involve opening for hot-ticket bands Beck or Radiohead?

Brooklyn duo MGMT has done all of this. Still, they're just on the cusp of discerning their draw.

"We're finally almost reluctantly realizing we are a real band now and we're playing these big shows and acting like a band should act," says Andrew VanWyngarden. He, along with Ben Goldwasser, make up the team whose equal parts synth and live instrument music typify modern auditory allure.

Vanwyngarden says MGMT's working relationship relies on complementary temperaments. "Personality-wise, I'm more of the creative, spontaneous fool. He's the mathematical genius."

MGMT has also had to learn to play with riotous crowds, like one at Ireland's Oxegen festival in July. "Irish crowds are always crazy, but this one was super-crazy," says VanWyngarden. "They were climbing up tent poles on the side, so we had to stop the show and let everyone calm down and climb down. That was a good show."

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Andrew VanWyngarden

One aspect of the act's eccentricity lies in MGMT's varied use of current electronic trends and more traditional instrumentation on their first major release, Oracular Spectacular, which includes hit Time to Pretend.

"We don't consider our album electronic or electronica at all. We're definitely more inspired by rock bands," says VanWyngarden. "There's definitely electronic stuff on our album but it's coming more from the way we used to play when we started."

Now that MGMT is growing into their melodic skin, the pair plans an active reinterpretation including inspirations such as The Zombies and the "funkadelic" Isley Brothers. "The next album will go more the way of where live bands are going, with more psychedelic rock, like a garage band."

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T.I. tops singles chart

A week after setting a new record with a 70-place leap to No. 1, rapper T.I. logged a second round atop Billboard's Hot 100 singles chart yesterday. His tune, Whatever You Like, sold more than 176,000 downloads. REUTERS

Music

Pumpkins plug in Guitar Hero

American rock group the Smashing Pumpkins will release their new single, G.L.O.W., via the upcoming Guitar Hero: World Tour videogame.

The song will be part of a downloadable song pack, available at some point after the game's release, which will also include the Pumpkins tracks 1979 and The Everlasting Gaze. The Pumpkins song Today is included in the initial soundtrack. In addition, users will be able to play Guitar Hero as the likeness of frontman Billy Corgan.

In November, the Pumpkins will play 20th-anniversary shows at big venues in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and additional cities to be announced. Another run of dates focusing on the band's debut, Gish, are on tap for early 2009. REUTERS

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Gossip Girl casts potential love interest

John Patrick Amedori, left, has been cast as Aaron Rose, a potential love interest for Serena van der Woodsen (Blake Lively) on Gossip Girl, reports tvguide.com. In the novels, Rose is an artist with a penchant for philanthropy. METRO NEWS SERVICES

TV

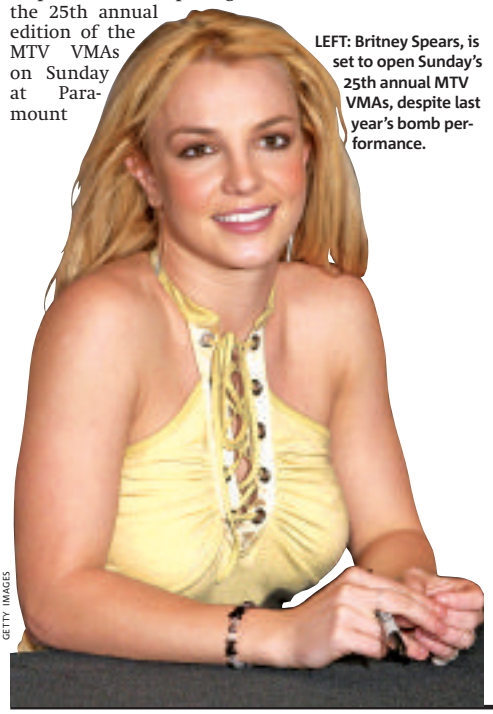
Spears to open MTV Awards

Pop princess returns to VMAs but don't expect another performance

Britney Spears is to star at this year's MTV Video Music Awards, a year after a calamitous comeback performance at the same award ceremony. But this time the pop singer won't be performing.

Spears will be opening the 25th annual edition of the MTV VMAs on Sunday at Paramount Studios in Hollywood, according to MTV's website.

That means she will be on hand if she wins an award. Spears has garnered three nominations for the clip to her single Piece of Me — Best Female Video, Best Pop Video and Video of the Year.



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LEFT: Britney Spears, is set to open Sunday's 25th annual MTV VMAs, despite last year's bomb performance.

"MTV has long played an important role in my career," Spears said in a statement. "How can I not be there to kick off their 25th VMAs? I'm excited to open the entire show, to say hi to my fans and to be nominated."

Exactly how she planned to open the show remained unclear. In previous appearances she has kissed Madonna and performed with a writhing snake.

Spears has yet to win an MTV Video Music Award, and her nominations this year are particularly tantalizing after her much-derided appearance in 2007, when she lip-synched her way through a dance number in an ill-fitting black bikini.

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Coming off two marriages, two children and two stints in rehab, Spears sought to launch a career comeback on last year's show with a performance of the song Gimme More that proved a publicity bomb for her but a ratings boon for MTV.

But with Spears said to be cleaning up her act and back in the recording studio this summer, working on a new album, MTV has made the most of the suspense surrounding her possible return to the VMAs, refusing until Wednesday to say whether she might appear as a presenter or performer.

The MTV VMAs, long considered a hipper version of the Grammys, will be broadcast live on MTV on Sept. 7, hosted by British comedian Russell Brand.

In the Video of the Year category, Spears is competing against the Jonas Brothers' Burnin Up, Chris Brown's Forever, The Pussycat Dolls' When I Grow Up and Shut Up and Let Me Go by the Ting Tings. REUTERS

Oprah throws party for Olympians

Welcome home soiree also pep rally for 2016 games

Talk show host Oprah Winfrey threw a rousing welcome home party for more than 150 U.S. Olympic medal winners Wednesday that was a salute to the athletes and a pep rally for efforts to bring the 2016 summer games to America.

Winfrey, whose program is seen 140 countries and boasts a weekly U.S. audience of 46 million, filled an open-air concert venue on Chicago's Lake Michigan waterfront with more than 4,000 people who jumped, shouted and cheered in swirling red, white and blue confetti as the medalists walked through the aisles and took the stage.

"Team USA, you want to make us all stand taller," she told the athletes at the end of the program, adding that she hoped they would have a chance to return to Chicago for the 2016 games, for which the city is bidding against Madrid, Rio de Janeiro and Tokyo.

Swimmer Michael Phelps, who came back from last month's games in Beijing with a record eight gold medals, told Winfrey his feat had not sunk in but "I need to get back home" to Maryland to see friends and his pet bulldog.

"One of the biggest things I want to do is grow the sport of swimming," he added, noting that he has established a charitable foundation to promote the sport using the $1 million bonus he earned from the makers of Speedo swimwear.

Wednesday's show, which will air in syndication on Sept. 8, marked the start of Winfrey's 23rd season.

Another swimming star, silver medalist Dara Torres, told Winfrey she was not done with competitive swimming at age 41.

"I kind of want to keep going for a bit," she said, unlike past Olympic competitions after which, she said, she didn't want to go near the water again.

"When you're in the water the water doesn't know your age," she added. REUTERS

2016 venue

- The venue for the 2016 games will be announced in October next year. Phelps was scheduled to meet with Chicago community leaders later in the day to help provide support for the city's bid. REUTERS

GETTY IMAGES

Oprah welcomed home more than 150 U.S. Olympic medalists on her Wednesday show.

Kyle MacLachlan's family struggle

PREGNANCY Desperate Housewives star Kyle MacLachlan and his wife Desiree Gruber struggled to start a family — but refused to give up on their dream of having a child, imdb.com reports.

The 49-year-old star and Gruber, 41, welcomed baby Callum in July.

But the path to having a baby was fraught with complications after Gruber was diagnosed with thrombophilia, a condition which causes blood clots. And after a long struggle, the couple was overjoyed to finally conceive.

"Desiree had a couple of miscarriages so she was under a few specialists," MacLachlan says. "She had thrombophilia and had to give herself an injection of blood thinner every day. The journey to get her pregnant became an adventure." METRO NEWS SERVICE

David Letterman

Letterman feels remorse for McCain jokes

TELEVISION David Letterman is feeling a bit remorseful about poking fun at the advanced age of Republican presidential contender John McCain, telling Rolling Stone magazine that his McCain jokes are "not entirely fair."

Along with his late-night TV rivals, the 61-year-old comedian has had little difficulty dredging up old-fogey jokes about the Arizona senator, who turned 72 last week and would be the oldest man ever elected U.S. president.

"John McCain looks like the kinda guy who brags that his new denture adhesive allows him to eat corn on the cob," Letterman once said on his CBS talk show.

On another occasion, he said McCain "looks like the guy who has to be told to close his robe."

The CBS Late Show host said in a Rolling Stone cover story that McCain's age makes him an obvious target.

"Every time we have these jokes about him, I always think to myself, 'This is not entirely fair,'" Letterman said. REUTERS

In brief

REHAB MacKenzie Phillips has entered rehab, People.com reports her attorney Blair Berk as having confirmed. Phillips is seeking treatment following her arrest on Aug. 27 for alleged drug possession at Los Angeles International Airport.

She was found "carrying what appeared to be heroin and cocaine in baggies and balloons," airport police said. Since then, the former One Day at a Time star has been formally charged with two felonies as well as a misdemeanor charge.

LAWSUIT Rob Lowe's former nanny is appealing to a judge to reinstate several allegations in her sexual harassment lawsuit against the actor, despite previously claiming victory in the court ruling, imdb.com reports. The Brothers + Sisters star sued Jessica Gibson in April, claiming she tried to extort money out of him. METRO

Foster joins Simpsons cast

Actress Jodie Foster, right, is to voice an adult version of Maggie on an episode of the animated hit show The Simpsons, slated to air in early 2009, reports ew.com. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

TV

Sink your teeth into True Blood

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THEY DON'T DRINK ... WINE: HBO needs a hit, and it looks like they've got a lot riding on True Blood, which debuts this Sunday on the cable network in the states, and here in Canada on TMN. The series has been in production for a year, with a pilot and two episodes filmed before last winter's writers' strike, and an early version of the pilot was leaked onto file-sharing networks months ago.

Created by Alan Ball, the man behind Six Feet Under, and based on a series of novels by Charlaine Harris, it's the story of a small Louisiana town just after the revelation that vampires actually exist, and that they've decided to go public thanks to the invention of synthetic blood, which will theoretically make preying on humans unnecessary. It stars Anna Paquin — the latest movie star to shift her career to the small screen — as Sookie, a roadhouse waitress with some uncomfortable telepathic powers who falls in love with Bill (Stephen Moyer), a vampire who's decided to make the town his home.

Ball lets us know early on that the show is meant for an adult audience; the first scene features a handjob in a moving car, and within a few minutes we're treated to nudity that promises to be copious in future episodes, especially since almost everyone we meet acts with the obsessive sexual abandon of teenagers from the popular clique on summer break between high school and college.

"When someone at HBO first asked me what this was about I said it's about the terrors of intimacy," Ball said recently in an interview with the io9.com website, "and at the time I thought, 'Who knows what that means but it sounds good.' But over time I've really started to believe that this is the deeper meaning of the show."

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Writer/director Alan Ball

On HBO's own website, Ball recalls that, during the pitch, he called the show "popcorn TV for smart people," and he's described the show as "really pulpy. It's total pulp." True Blood is a great example of what I call deep trash — the sort of subject matter that was once the province of B-films or worse, but which has been treated to big budgets and major stars in the last decade or so, and produced by writers like Ball who grew up with the avid subculture that once celebrated trash as a liberation from the humourlessness of taste and high culture.

It's the sort of show that nods knowingly to its audience by showing Bill Maher interviewing the very cool, inside-the-Beltway head of a vampire advocacy group, spoofs mass culture and consumer society (check out the viral marketing campaign HBO cooked up for Tru Blood, the vampire tipple) but delivers the sex and violence we expect from a story about vampires. As daytime soap operas are dying, their DNA has been transplanted into shows meant to excite critics and even inspire academic papers.

The big test for True Blood, of course, is whether audiences will bite. And yes, I feel deeply ashamed of that dead easy pun.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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Sam Trammell and Anna Paquin star in the HBO vampire series True Blood, which debuts in Canada this Sunday on TMN.

Closer spinoff in the works at TNT

SPINOFF Hit cable drama The Closer is eyeing a spinoff.

The forces behind the TNT series, including creator/executive producer James Duff, are working on a spinoff of the cop drama, which stars Kyra Sedgwick as a deputy police chief who has a love-hate relationship with junk food.

It's unclear whether the untitled spinoff — referred to in industry circles as The Fixer — would focus on an existing Closer character or an altogether new one.

TNT confirmed that it has ordered a script for the spinoff but declined comment on other details.

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New drama from Swingtown creator

NEW SERIES Mike Kelley, creator of Swingtown, a drama series about partner-swapping couples in 1970s suburbia, is developing BiCoastal, another hourlong show exploring relationships, marriage and sexuality.

The new show, which has been set up at Showtime, is part of a seven-figure two-year deal that Kelley has signed with CBS Paramount Network TV, the studio behind Swingtown.

BiCoastal centers on a successful man who struggles to balance family life with his wife and kids in Los Angeles as he falls in love with a man in New York.

REUTERS

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	400	280	30 TSN	NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Chevy Rock & Roll 400. (HDTV) From Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va. (Live)								
family	554	544	48 TEL	George-Jungle	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	*Blade* ★★ (1998, Horror) Wesley Snipes.		
	557	540	51 FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Sleepless in Seattle* (1993, Romance-Comedy)			(10:45) *You've Got Mail*	
	551	542	65 YTV	Wolverine	Transformers	Naruto	Blue Dragon	Zatch Bell	Bleach	Storm Hawks	Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.
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	628	584	32 SPKE	*Today You Die* (2005, Action) Steven Seagal.				UFC 88 Countdown		Disorderly Conduct: Video		TNA iMPACT!
	616	521	39 SHO	About a Girl	Kink in Hair	*Whispers and Lies* (2008, Suspense) Melissa Joan Hart.				*Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*		
	520	505	42 DIS	The Flight That Fought Back				After the Catch		Criss Angel	Criss Angel	A Haunting
	581	566	53 MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		MTV Presents
	522	506	55 HIS	NCIS "Reveille"		Ancestors	Ancestors	*Ocean's Twelve* ★★★ (2004, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney.				
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	209	342	6 CHRO	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Cold Case (HDTV)		Mad Men		News
	196	311	7 CTV	Canada's Walk of Fame (N)				Criminal Minds		Without a Trace (HDTV)		News (N)
	208	303	8 CBC	Heartland (HDTV)		Test the Nation: Canada, Eh? (HDTV) (N)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Doc Zone
	-	360	9 NBC	Football Night in America		(8:15) NFL Football Chicago Bears at Indianapolis Colts. From Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.						
	-	362	13 CBS	60 Minutes		Big Brother 10 (N)		Cold Case (HDTV)		Without a Trace (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
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	218	345	18 E!	Instant Beauty Pageant		Extreme Makeover: Home		Celebrity Rehab		Final 24		News (N)
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	603	561	95 FN	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Jamie at Home	Nigella	Road Grill

Going Out

Play within play lays Beckett bare

KIM MANNIX VERMETTE
for Metro Canada

At a time when most of Ottawa's theatre companies are launching new seasons, Evolution Theatre is giving audiences their last production of the year with Playing Bare, an English translation of French playwright Dominic Champagne's La repetition.

According to director Christopher Bedford, it's a great play to end what has been a remarkable season for the small theatre company, marked by accolades from critics and sold-out shows.

"Based on our previous work I think we are starting to get a reputation for a company that's fun and exciting, and I think this is the kind of show that makes you think and feel," says Bedford.

Playing Bare, translated by Shelly Tepperman from Champagne's original script, focuses on Luce, a soul-searching actress who believes that directing a production of Samuel Beckett's famed play Waiting for Godot will give her life purpose and direction. As the action unfolds, a play-within-a-play also emerges, as the characters in Playing Bare uncover the characters in Waiting for Godot, and how they overlap.

details

- Playing Bare runs tonight and tomorrow at Academic Hall at the University of Ottawa Theatre Building, and again from Sept.10-13. For times and tickets, call 613-864-3386 or visit evolutiontheatre.ca.

Though the play may have added meaning for those audience members already well versed in Beckett's work, Bedford says knowledge of the iconic playwright is not required to "get" the play.

"Champagne has done a really great job of working enough of Beckett into the play that you don't need to have any existing knowledge of Waiting for Godot to follow along," he says.

Bedford always has been a fan of Beckett's work, though tackling the iconic writer's work can be daunting.

"I found directing this to be more freeing because you don't have to live up to the history or expectations of a Beckett piece, but you still get this intelligent script to work with."

Kel Parsons — who recently appeared in Evolution's Fringe offering This Is A Play — takes on the role of Luce. The play also features local performers William Beddoe, Jerome Bourgault, Lawrence Aronovich and Chantale Plante. Bedford said it's been a pleasure working with this cast — many of whom have appeared in previous Evolution productions —because they are willing to commit fully to what is, at times, challenging material.

"Audiences will be inspired by these actors and I think they are brave for taking on some of the stuff we've tackled this year."

TIM GUNTER PHOTOGRAPH

Jerome Bourgault, left, and William Beddoe play a scene from Evolution Theatre's season-ending production of Playing Bare.

Raw lifestyle festival cooks up alternative eating

GetOutThere

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It started as a way for two enthusiastic, healthy living promoters to share their love of the raw vegan lifestyle with the masses.

The masses — who at times can be unwilling to accept change, especially concerning their diets — were surprisingly accepting of the message, perhaps because it was served up with a tasty piece of pie.

But now, three years later, the vision of Natasha Kyssa and Mark Faul has grown from a raw pie contest into a three day, Simply Raw film and lifestyle festival, featuring speakers, exhibitors and of course a whole whack of fruits and veggies.

"We're so excited about how much awareness about eating raw has grown over the past few years, especially here in Ottawa, but it's not surprising really since more and more people are looking to have healthier lifestyles," explains Kyssa.

"It's not about being all or nothing, or that you have to adopt this completely," adds Faul. "It's about encouraging people to make healthy choices by proving how delicious it can be."

Certainly the dozens of mouth-watering pies and desserts that will be judged, and then sampled Saturday in Central Park should be enough to draw a crowd. But Kyssa says they're also excited to have a bigger festival this year, with more speakers and a film festival featuring seven films about green living, including Be The Change from Ottawa's own David Chernushenko.

where and when

- The Simply Raw Festival and Green Living Film Festival runs tonight through Sunday at Central Park and St. Giles Church. For more information and a schedule of events and films, visit simplyraw.ca.

"We're very excited about the film festival and I think the best thing about it is that it's very interactive with audiences getting a chance to talk with some of the filmmakers," says Kyssa,

There is an admission price for the film festival portion, but the rest of the festivities are free, thanks to sponsorship from The Table Vegetarian Restaurant and Hippocrates Health Institute, as well as exhibitors' and speakers' willingness to donate their time.

The festival has also enlisted the help of more than 50 volunteers to help with the planning and management of events.

"It's important for us to keep it free because our philosophy has always been to reach out to as many people as possible and to catch the people just out walking their dog for the day," says Faul.

In their first year, the pie contest and fest captured the attention of about 500 people, while last year's event attracted about 3,000. Faul's hoping 10,000 people will attend over the weekend — including those on-board with the raw lifestyle and those just curious to know more.

Kim Mannix Vermette has a passion for exploring the local music, theatre, visual arts and literature scenes.

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Get Set for Life Tour 08 Fri. 3:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. $7.50 adv. Theatre, NAC, 53 Elgin St., at Confederation Square. Info: *nac.ca* or call 613-947-7000, 1-866-850-ARTS, Box Office: Ext. 280.

Dominic Champagne's Playing Bare Fri. 8:00 p.m. Sat. 4:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. Academic Hall, 311, 133 Séraphin-Marion, University of Ottawa. Info: *evolutiontheatre.ca* or 613-864-3386.

Idol Threats Sat. 7:00 p.m. Show $25, Dinner Starts at $22, includes admission to the Velvet Room dance club or Duelling Pianos after the show. Scarlett's Dinner Theatre, 62 York St. Info: *eddiemay.com* or 613-850-9700.

Joe Minnitte and Massimo Fri. 8:00 & 10:30 p.m., $10. Sat. 8:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m., $12; Sun. 8:00 p.m., $8. Absolute Comedy, 412 Preston St. Info: *absolutecomedy.ca* or call 613-233-8000.

Gilson Lubin with Stephen Patterson and Mark Walker Fri. 9:30 p.m., Sat. 8:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m., $18 adv. Yuk Yuks International Stand Up Comedy, 88 Albert St. Info: *yukyuks.com* or 613-236-5233.

Stephen Patterson Fri. 8:00 p.m., Sat. 7:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m., $12. Yuk Yuk's Launching Pad in the Prescott Tavern, 379 Preston St. Info: *yukyuks.com* or 613-236-5233.

"Never Have I Ever" by Curator Isabelle Carrier ends Fri. 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Galerie La Petite Mort Gallery, 306 Cumberland St. Info: *lapetitemortgallery.com* or 613-860-1555.

Hayden Menzies Fri. Artguise Gallery, 590 Bank St. Info: *artguise.ca* or 613-238-3803.

Lore Fri. - Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Gallery 101, 301 1/2 Bank St. Info: *gallery101.org* or 613-230-2799

Futurists: Visionary, thought provoking, on the very edge of the cutting edge Fri. - Sun. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Cube Gallery, 7 Hamilton Ave. N. Info: *cubegallery.ca* or 613-728-1750.

New Photographs by Melinda Mollineaux Fri. – Sun. 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Galerie La Petite Mort Gallery, 306 Cumberland St. Info: *lapetitemortgallery.com* or 613-860-1555.

"Miniatures and small works" by Gilles Lacombe. Fri. 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sun. 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Calligrammes art gallery, 21 Murray St. Info: *calligrammes.com* or 613-241-4732.

The 1930s: The Making of "The New Man" Fri. - Sun. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. National Gallery of Canada, 380 Sussex Dr. Info: *gallery.ca* or 613-990-1985.

Dots, Pulses and Loops Fri. - Sun. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. National Gallery of Canada, 380 Sussex Dr. Info: *gallery.ca* or 613-990-1985.

The Greeks Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sat. – Sun. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Gallery A, Canadian Museum of Civilization, 100 Laurier St. Info: *civilization.ca* or 819-776-7014.

Pierrette Dulude-Bohay: Lively and vibrant watercolours Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Rothwell Hauck Gallery, 1718 Montreal Rd. Info: *rothwellgallery.com* or 613-745-6410.

Friday@Heaven with DJs Etienne Ozborne and Matt Kelly Fri. 10:00 p.m. Heaven Nightclub, 400a Dalhousie St.

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Info: *clubheaven.ca* or 613-482-9898.

Politique, Hexes & OHS and Nightwood Fri. 7:00 p.m. $8 adv. Zaphod Beeblebrox, 27 York St. Info: *zaphodbeeblebrox.com* or 613-562-1010.

Hugh Scott Fri. 9:00 p.m. The Elmdale House Tavern, 1084 Wellington St. Info: *elmdaletavern.com* or 613-728-2848.

Elise Letourneau Duo Fri. 9:30 p.m. Café Paradiso, 199 Bank St. Info: *cafeparadiso.ca* or 613-565-0657.

Shakalabbits with Junior Achiever and The Dirty 30s Fri. 8:00 p.m. $5 adv. Barrymores Music Hall, 323 Bank St. Info: *barrymores.on.ca* or 613-233-0307.

Angela Desveaux, The Mighty Ship and Andrew Vincent Fri. 9:00 p.m. $7 adv. The Blacksheep Inn, 420 Riverside Dr. Info: *theblacksheepinn.com* or 819-459-3228.

Django Libre Fri. Avante-Garde Bar & Gift Shop, 135 1/2 Besserer St. Info: *avantgardebar.com* or 613-321-8908.

Loudlove with Faded Blue Fri. 9:30 p.m. The Rainbow, 76 Murray St. in the Byward Market, Info: *therainbow.ca* or 613-241-5123.

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The Cutmen with the Devillaires Fri. 8:00 p.m. Irene's Pub, 885 Bank St. Info: *irenespub.ca* or 613-230-4474.

Monday's Grace Fri. – Sat. $5, 9:00 p.m. Patty Boland's, 101 Clarence St. Info: *pattybolands.com* or 613-789-7822.

Ewen Mcintosh & the Fathers of Confederation Fri. - Sat. 9:00 p.m. D'Arcy McGees, 44 Sparks St. Info: *ottawa.darcymcgees.com* or 613-230-4433.

Kinnexa Cross and Guests Sat. 9:00 p.m. The New Bayou, 1077 Bank St. Info: *thenewbayou.com* or 613-523-5299.

Ball and Chain and the Wreckers Sat. 9:00 p.m. $5, The Elmdale House Tavern, 1084 Wellington St. Info: *elmdaletavern.com* or 613-728-2848.

Orillia Opry, Belle Isle and Al Tuck Sat. 9:00 p.m. $7 adv. The Blacksheep Inn, 420 Riverside Dr. Info: *theblacksheepinn.com* or 819-459-3228.

Barrelhouse Sat. 9:30 p.m. $10, The Rainbow, 76 Murray St. in the Byward Market, Info: *therainbow.ca* or 613-241-5123.

Rick Hayes Acoustic Trio Sat. 8:00 p.m. Irene's Pub, 885 Bank St. Info: *irenespub.ca* or 613-230-4474.

Trevor James & The Perfect Gentlemen Sat. 7:00 p.m. $8 adv. Babylon Nightclub, 317 Bank St. Info: *babylonclub.ca* or 613-594-0003.

Zach Smith with Darrelle London Sun. 9:00 p.m. The Rainbow, 76 Murray St. in the Byward Market, Info: *therainbow.ca* or 613-241-5123.

Kate Maki and Nathan Lawr Sun. 4:20 p.m. $7 adv. The Blacksheep Inn, 420 Riverside Dr. Info: *theblacksheepinn.com* or 819-459-3228.

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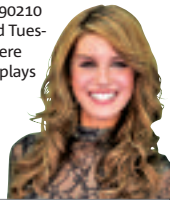
Edwards returning to ER
Original ER castmember Anthony Edwards, who played Dr. Mark Greene on the medical hit for eight years, has signed on to reprise his role for a one-episode guest stint during November sweeps. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now

1 Shenae Grimes
Canadian actress Shenae Grimes has taken another leap in her career, from Degrassi: The Next Generation, to a starring role on 90210. The spinoff of Beverly Hills, 90210 debuted Tuesday, where Grimes plays Annie Wilson.



2 The Last Lecture, by Randy Pausch
Lecturer Randy Pausch, who recently died of pancreatic cancer, puts his lessons on life into a book for those who would rather read the words than now hear him deliver them on YouTube. He wrote the book for his young kids, but perhaps readers can benefit from his teachings, too.

3 Heroes: Season 2
The recently released four-disc DVD box set of this hit show's second season features featurettes, a peek at Season 3, audio comments with cast and crew, and more. The set has been a top seller on Amazon.ca.

4 The Script
Already garnering major air play in its native Ireland, Dublin band The Script is sure to making some noise this side of the Atlantic soon. The trio's singles We Cry and The Man Who Can't Be Moved is available on iTunes.

5 Slouchy beanie hats
Slouchy beanie hat are forecast to top — and turn — heads into winter, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Why not? They're the perfect toppers for bad-hair days and look mighty cute, too.

6 America's Next Top Model
First full-figured Whitney Thompson wins the reality TV competition, now a transgender contestant is battling to be on top on this season of the modeling competition.

7 Bath and Body Works
U.S. chain store Bath and Body Works is finally bringing its sublime beauty and personal-care products to Canada via new stores soon opening in Toronto and Edmonton. The rest of the country need not sigh — online shopping is doable at www.bathandbodyworks.com.

... and what's not

Pregnant pause
Yikes, what timing: John McCain's recently announced U.S. vice-presidential running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, has revealed her 17-year-old daughter Bristol is five months pregnant.

Charges in murder of Kutcher's ex

A man has been charged for the murder of actor Ashton Kutcher's ex-girlfriend Ashley Ellerin, seven years after her death, imdb.com reports.

Michael Gargiulo, 32, who has been behind bars since July after being arrested for an April knife attack, was formally charged with the murder of Ellerin and another woman yesterday.

The 22-year-old's body was found in her Hollywood Hills home in February 2001.

Kutcher told police at the time of the incident that he had gone to pick up the fashion student/model from her home to attend a post-Grammy Awards party, but she failed to answer the door.

He said he left the property after checking a back window and spotting what he thought to be red wine stains on the carpet.

Ashton Kutcher

Ellerin was found dead the following day by a friend.

Santa Monica police Lieutenant Darrell Lowe revealed last week that DNA evidence collected from a crime scene earlier this year indicated that Gargiulo was responsible for the stabbings of women in Chicago, Illinois, Los Angeles, and Monterey Park, California. The Illinois murder dates back to 1993.

Garguilo has been held on $1.1 million US bail for the last two months on attempted murder and burglary charges.

But Garguilo insists he is not guilty.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Publishers pick up book on Prophet

NOVEL Publishers in 10 countries have bought the rights to a novel about the Prophet Mohammed's child bride after a U.S. publisher dropped the book fearing it could incite violence, the author's agent said on Wednesday.

Random House, a unit of Bertelsmann AG, had been due to publish The Jewel of Medina, a first novel by journalist Sherry Jones, 46, on Aug. 12.

Random House pulled out, saying it had received "cautionary advice not only that the publication of this book might be offensive to some in the Muslim community, but also that it could incite acts of violence by a small, radical segment."

Deals have now been reached with another U.S. publisher as well as publishers in Britain, Brazil, Italy, Germany, Russia, Spain and other countries, Jones's literary agent Natasha Kern said. REUTERS

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'Baby' is really five pounds

Desperate Housewives star Eva Longoria Parker has once again been forced to deny she is pregnant, attributing her "bump" to five pounds she gained over the summer. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Anne spent thousands on ex-boyfriend

RELATIONSHIPS Anne Hathaway broke off her relationship with businessman Rafaello Follieri just hours before his arrest on charges of wire fraud and money laundering, according to a report in the October issue of Vanity Fair.

"You were the love of my life," the actress told Follieri by phone on June 23, according to a friend who heard the conversation, Vanity Fair reports. "I'll always love you. You know that, baby." Later that day, Follieri was arrested and accused by federal prosecutors of defrauding investors of millions of dollars through claims he had connections with the Vatican.

The article also reports that Hathaway, 25, paid the 30-year-old Follieri's $37,000 US monthly rent for his duplex in Manhattan's posh Olympic Towers for four months, People.com reports.

Hathaway's father, Jerry, had a private investigator check out Follieri three years ago, the story claims.

Follieri is now awaiting trial at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in New York City, unable to pay his $21-million bail.

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Jessica puts acting on hold

PEOPLE Jessica Simpson has no plans to return to acting anytime soon, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer, who starred as Daisy Duke in the movie The Dukes of Hazzard and has since appeared in films including Blonde Ambition and Employee of the Month, admits she has lost her appetite for the industry following the lack of interest in her latest movie ventures.

"I'm not closing that chapter of my life by any means," she said. "But I am all about the music right now. When it comes to acting, it's got to feel right for me at this point in my life. It's got to just be a really incredible director and production with an awesome studio and great cast. But for me right now, Jessica Simpson is music."

Simpson, who will soon release her debut country album Do You Know, also revealed she began to lose confidence in her vocal talents following her shambolic performance of Dolly Parton's 9 To 5.

"You know, what happened at Kennedy Center, I really thought I was done singing," she said. "I was just at a place where I'd lost a lot of confidence and I didn't even know who I was."

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Sienna may move out of Britain

PEOPLE Actress Sienna Miller has decided to move away from Britain, following a barrage of negative press over her relationship with actor Balthazar Getty, imdb.com reports.

Miller hit the headlines after pictures emerged of her frolicking with the father-of-four, who recently left his wife, on a yacht off Italy's Amalfi coast in July.

She has since faced setbacks, including an attack on her London home in which the word "slut" was sprayed onto brickwork.

And now her step-mother, Kelly Hoppen, insists the star plans to move abroad to escape the media spotlight.

"It's disgusting that she cannot live in her own country," Hoppen says. "Why is it that if a man leaves his wife the new woman gets all the s–t? That doesn't happen the other way round."

But Hoppen insists Miller is not letting the negative stories upset her.

"We try not to read the papers anymore," she says. "She's actually doing fine. In fact she is great. But we've only read one positive article about her ever."

Miller was recently rumoured to be viewing properties in California with Getty, prompting speculation that she will now set up home in Los Angeles.

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celebrity brief

My fashion business is doing just fine: Victoria

FASHION Former Spice Girls star Victoria Beckham has denied her recent fashion ventures have been a disappointment, insisting her Dvb brand is "going from strength to strength," imdb.com reports.

Beckham has been at the centre of rumours that her label was in crisis after she announced her new range of dresses would not be shown on the catwalk at the upcoming New York Fashion Week, but in small private viewings.

The singer's Dvb denim range also came under fire earlier this year after Los Angeles boutique Kitson dropped the brand, citing poor sales and a lack of promotional activity from the star.

But Beckham is adamant her fashion business is doing well.

"Career-wise, the opportunities and success I've had this year are outstanding," she says. "My brand's going from strength to strength."

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celebrity brief

Daniel refuses to kiss and tell

SEX Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe is refusing to name the woman he lost his virginity to at 16, because she was much older than him, imdb.com reports.

The actor, now 19, makes the big reveal about his first time in a new Details magazine interview — but he's not revealing who the woman was.

Radcliffe insists the age difference "wasn't ridiculous," but "it would freak some people out."

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celebrity brief

David's a daddy — DNA says so

PEOPLE A baby girl born last week to former Playboy Playmate Jillian Grace is funnyman David Spade's biological daughter, his publicist has confirmed.

"David and Jillian have been in close contact throughout her pregnancy and he plans to go see the baby during his first break from shooting Rules of Engagement," publicist Meredith O'Sullivan told People.

Spade had admitted to a fling with Grace, and had told E! News, "If it is true that I am the father of her child, then I will accept responsibility."

The baby was born Aug. 26 in Missouri.

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Pregnant J. Lo let hubby take over

FAMILY Jennifer Lopez says she was "selfish" for the first time in her life while she was pregnant with twins Max and Emme, who are now six months old, People.com reports.

Midway through her pregnancy, Lopez had just finished her concert tour with husband Marc Anthony when she told him she needed him to take care of her. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Top Model host also top earner

PEOPLE Tyra Banks is the top-earning woman on TV, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former supermodel, who hosts two hit shows, raked in $23 million US between June 2007 and June 2008, according to a new list by Forbes.com.

Banks is the creator of the talk show The Tyra Banks Show and America's Next Top Model.

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Peanuts animator dies

Bill Melendez, the animator who voiced Snoopy's howls and sighs and was responsible for bringing A Charlie Brown Christmas and dozens of other Peanuts specials to the small screen, died Tuesday in Santa Monica, Calif., according to his publicist. He was 91, reports E! News Online. METRO

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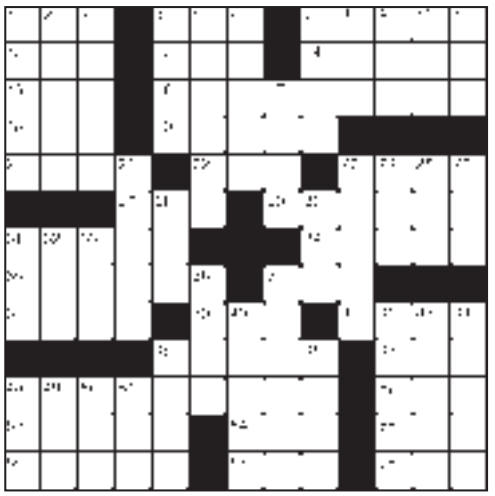

Crossword down

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2 Boredom
3 Fades away
4 Colo. Spgs. grp.
5 Approach the curb
6 Slander
7 Wonka creator
8 Carte lead-in
9 Actor Kilmer
10 Lemieux milieu
11 The air up there
17 Sign: ped —
21 1-to-10, often
23 Type of prize
24 Mess up
25 Early bird?
26 Retainer
28 Is multiplied?
30 Id counterpart
31 Recede
32 Rotation duration
33 "Skedaddle!"
36 Boo Boo's mentor
37 Record jacket
40 Less healthy
42 Phantom's bailiwick
43 Islamic Bible
44 Square-dance group
45 Inauguration recitation
46 Turned blue?
48 Dark brown-gray
49 Blood-typing letters
50 Neither mate
51 Not "dis"

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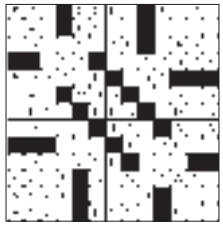
Crossword across

1 Church seat
4 Boom times
7 "Jezebel" Oscar winner
12 Genetics abbr.
13 Total
14 "Oh, woe!"
15 Tourists' haven
16 "Roots" author
18 Seek restitution
19 Swing around madly
20 "— Congeniality"
22 Coffee-shop vessel
23 Complaint
27 Upper limit
29 First name of 35-Across
31 Mystery writer's award
34 Be a glutton
35 "It's a Wonderful Life" hero
37 Weep loudly
38 IT measure
39 Lubricate
41 Symbol of servitude
45 Looked lecherously
47 Luau bowlful
48 "When My Baby Smiles at Me" star
52 Work unit
53 WWII sub
54 Leading lady?
55 "Go, team!"
56 Top of the world?
57 Roulette bet
58 Pismire

previous day's answer



Horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You'll scold a lover who has a change of heart. A hasty conclusion will cause discomfort. Don't blame anyone for your own mistakes.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
An incompetent power player will give up. Promises will go down the drain due to sad obligations. Pay attention to built up tension.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You'll guarantee the survival of the fittest. You need to use tact with an opponent. Say farewell to those who stay behind in misery.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
The discussion of impulsive deeds will benefit you. An accurate statement will make trouble. A spendthrift who is in denial won't pay attention.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
An overexcited male will be suspiciously successful. Someone will miss the point of a discussion. Profound emotions will rise to the surface.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
The desire arises to abandon a momentous decision. A social event will have an unexpected bonus. A misunderstanding will lead to adventures.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A reality check will alienate others. A charming friend wants to hear further revelations. Don't be misled by stolen moments of bliss.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
A delayed visit will create strain between friends. Distress can be reduced by following your dreams. Logic will be used to upset a gullible person.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
Something in your voice ties others up in knots. A newcomer leads to romantic interest. Step lightly over the reasons for misery.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone despairs about a pivotal scheme. A new rule creates an excellent state of affairs. A female convinces an ally to remain firm.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A romantic man will open your eyes. Bickering will be an outlet for frozen feelings. A joyful friend lives up to your ideals.

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SEPT. 5, 1882: The first United States Labor Day parade is held in New York City.
SEPT. 5, 1948: Robert Schuman becomes President of the Council while being Foreign minister, As such, he is the negotiator of the major treaties of the end of World War II.
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	7		6					3
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3		1		9			2	4

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The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

4	7	6	8	3	9	5	2	1
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5	8	1	7	2	6	9	4	3
8	5	2	3	1	4	6	7	9
1	6	4	9	8	7	3	5	2
7	9	3	5	6	2	8	1	4
6	4	7	2	9	3	1	8	5
2	3	8	6	5	1	4	9	7
9	1	5	4	7	8	2	3	6

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13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21. . . . . Smart
21-25. . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practising

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Temperature Normals
High: 23°
Low: 12.1°

Records
High: 33.1°/1983
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Sunrise: 6:29 a.m.
Sunset: 7:31 p.m.
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